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Settlement

Settlement operations in South Arcot district.

* 1858 *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to the reply given to question No. 1468 on 26th February 1929,—

(*a*) whether at the time of the settlement in South Arcot district, the Government issued a Government Order setting forth the reasons for departing from the principle laid down in G.O. No. 881, dated 30th July 1885; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government will be pleased to place the Government Order on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The relevant portion of the Government Order (paragraph 3) [a] is laid on the table.

Wild Animals

Statement on the ravages of wild animals in South Kanara.

* 1859 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased, with reference to question No. 369 answered on 8th October 1928, regarding increase of wild animals in South Kanara district, to place before the Council a statement showing the number of cattle destroyed by wild animals in South Kanara in 1926–27 and 1927–28 as compared with those killed in 1916–17 and 1917–18?

A.—The Government have not the information.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"The Government say they have no information. Does it mean that the Government have no records on the subject?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"For the last two years these statistics are reported to the Veterinary department in Madras; but for older years, the figures have not been reported to that department; we would have to obtain them from the District officers; there is no time to get the information before the Council is prorogued."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether the Government will call for these reports from the Collector's office or other offices?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I shall get the figures and communicate them to the hon. Member."

Administration Reports

Administration reports under the hon. the Home Member.

* 1860 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing—

(*a*) the administration reports of the several departments under his control for the years 1927–28 and 1928–29;

(*b*) the month in which they were received by Government;

(*c*) the months in which they were published with reviews; and

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(ii) to state whether any, and if so, what steps have been taken to place them before the public at an earlier date?

A.—(i) (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement [a] is appended. Reports for 1928-29 are due only after the close of March 1929.

(ii) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1841.

Depressed Classes

Grant of lands and scholarships to depressed classes during 1926, 1927 *and* 1928.

* 1861 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of scholarships and the total amount of the said scholarships awarded by the Labour Department (1) to students of the Hindu depressed classes community, (2) of Indian Christian community and (3) of caste Hindus respectively during 1926, 1927 and 1928 in the Presidency; and

(*b*) the acres of land assigned either for dwelling or for cultivation to (1) Indian Christians, (2) Hindu depressed classes and (3) caste Hindus respectively through the Labour Department during 1926, 1927 and 1928 in the Presidency?

A.—(*a*) The annual administration reports of the Labour Department which are placed on the Editors' Table give information regarding the various scholarships awarded by the Labour Department. These are not intended for caste Hindus. Detailed particulars on the lines asked for are not available.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

Government Press

Reversion of Vedantachari, Reader, Government Press.

* 1862 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether one Vedantachari, Reader, Government Press, was reduced from higher to lower grade in the month of April 1928; if so, why; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that no charge was framed, that no explanation was called for and that no enquiry was held before the reduction was ordered; if so, why?

A.—(*a*) P. Vedantachari was promoted with effect from 1st November 1926 to a post of Reader on Rs. 60—4—100 on *probation*. As he was found unfit to be confirmed in the post on Rs. 60—4—100, his probation was terminated and he was reverted to his original post towards the end of April 1928;

(*b*) Yes; the procedure described is unnecessary, when an officer is found unfit for a post to which he has been appointed on probation.

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